

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Lent is a Time of Fasting and Feasting"

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| ✠ Fast on criticism, feast on praise. | ✠ Fast from pessimism, feast on optimism. |
| ✠ Fast on resentment, feast on contentment. | ✠ Fast from revenge, feast on forgiveness. |
| ✠ Fast on self-pity, feast on happiness. | ✠ Fast from anxiety, feast on hope. |
| ✠ Fast from hatred, feast on peace. | ✠ Fast from sensual temptation, feast on purity. |
| ✠ Fast from jealousy, feast on love. | ✠ Fast from taking, feast on giving. |
| ✠ Fast from pride, feast on humility. | ✠ Fast from stubbornness, feast on compassion. |
| ✠ Fast from selfishness, feast on service. | ✠ Fast from fear, feast on courage. |
| ✠ Fast on apathy, feast on faith. | ✠ Fast from impatience, feast on tolerance. |
| ✠ Fast from complaining, feast on appreciation. | ✠ Fast from cheating, feast on honesty. |
| ✠ Fast from carelessness, feast on commitment. | ✠ Fast from fighting, feast on reconciling. |
| ✠ Fast on egoism, feast on altruism. | ✠ Fast from the TV, feast on spiritual reading. |
| ✠ Fast from gossiping, feast on concern. | ✠ Fast from the newspaper, feast on the Bible. |
| ✠ Fast from laziness, feast on prayer. | ✠ Fast from competition, feast on teamwork. |
| ✠ Fast from anger, feast on joy. | ✠ Fast from passive indifference, feast on positive action. |
| ✠ Fast from dishonesty, feast on sincerity. | ✠ Fast from yourself, feast on Jesus and others ... |
| ✠ Fast from frowning, feast on smiling. | |
- Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

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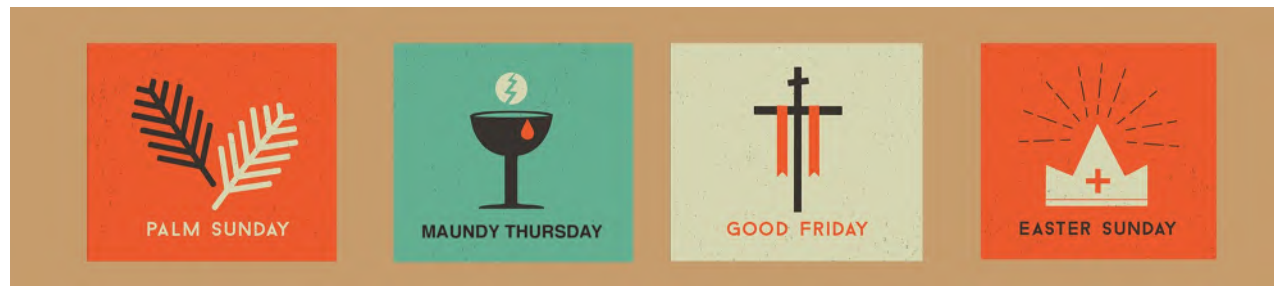
March 20, 2022 ✠ 3rd Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.



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Important Dates for Lent and Holy Week—Please Mark your Calendars

Lenten Penance (Tuesday):	March 29th	6:00 p.m.
Chrism Mass in Baker City (Thursday):	April 7th	11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday Saturday Vigil:	April 9th	5:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday:	April 10th	9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Holy Thursday:	April 14th	6:00 p.m. w/Washing of the Feet
Good Friday:	April 15th	3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday:	April 16th	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	April 17th	9:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

March 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
March 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,695.00
March 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,103.00
March 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	
March 27, 2022	\$4,400.00	

Monthly Rosary Schedule

1st Sunday: Pro Life
 2nd Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers
 3rd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
 4th Sunday: Lectors
 5th Sunday: Ushers



Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
 (other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism. A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents. For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date. A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	03/21/2022	8:00 a.m.	Mary Nehls (L)	2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	03/22/2022	8:00 a.m.	Linda Arian (L)	Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	03/23/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lu Streetman (D)	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	03/24/2022	8:00 a.m.	Frank Davis Jr. (L)	Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday	03/25/2022	12:00 p.m.	Joe Morales (D)	Isaiah 7:10-14; 08:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	03/26/2022	5:00 p.m.	Steve Forrester (L)	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	03/27/2022	9:00 a.m.	Tom & Mary Norton (L)	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	03/27/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

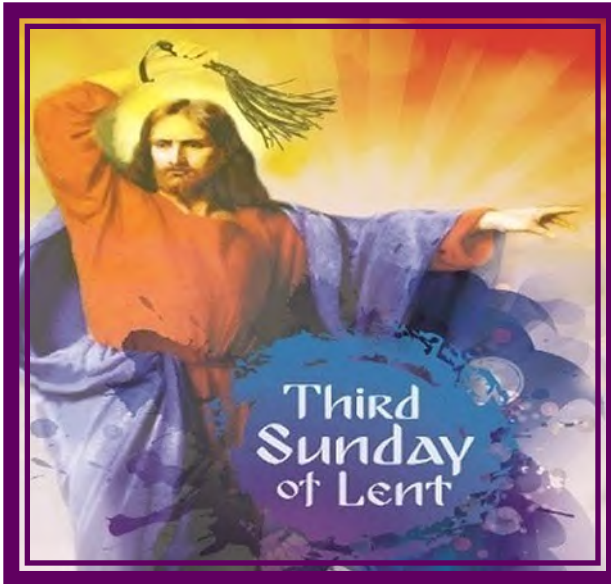
ALL THREE OF TODAY'S readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment and giving them a second chance in spite of their repeated sins. God invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

The first reading tells us how God shows His mercy to His chosen people by giving them Moses as their leader and their liberator. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (v. 6) reveals Himself to Moses from the burning bush and assures Moses of His Divine presence with His people and of His awareness of their sufferings in Egypt. God declares His intention to use Moses as the leader who will rescue His enslaved people. Then He reveals His name as Yahweh ("I AM Who AM") and renews His promise to the patriarchs (v. 8), to give them a "land flowing with milk and honey." Our Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 103), reminds us of God's unfailing mercy: *Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*

The second reading warns us that our merciful God is also a disciplining God. Paul reminds the Christians of Corinth that they must learn from the sad experience of the Israelites who were punished for their sins by a merciful but just God. The merciful and gracious God is also just and demanding; hence, they must be free from sexual sins and idolatry.

Today's Gospel explains how God disciplines His people, invites them to repent of their sins, to renew their lives, and to produce the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Citing two tragic events, Jesus exhorts the Jews to repent and reform their lives. With the parable of the barren fig tree, he also warns them that the merciful God will not put up with them indefinitely. Although God patiently waits for sinners to repent, giving them grace to do so, He will not wait forever. Time may run out; therefore, timely repentance is necessary. Hence, a Lent missed is a year lost from the spiritual life.

1) We need to live lives of repentance, because: (a) we never know when we will meet a tragedy of our own. Let us repent while we have the chance. Let us turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings, and receive from Him mercy, forgiveness, and the promise of eter-



nal life. There is no better way to take these words of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental Confession, and there is no better time to go to Confession than during Lent. We are unable to predict when a tragic accident may happen to us. Our end may come swiftly—without warning and without giving us an opportunity to repent. And (b) repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live as forgiven people, and it helps us to face death without fear. When we repent,

we are saying: "I've been going in the wrong direction—I must turn my life around."

Repentance begins with an admission of our sin and inadequacy. We cannot see Jesus in all His fullness unless we look at Him through the lens of repentance. Repentance is a statement of regret for the inner condition of our souls—with a determination to have that condition changed.

2) We need to be fruitful trees in God's orchard. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and 'manure' " the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits. The fruits God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life, and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, selflessness, and humble service. Let us start producing fruits in the family by becoming more sensitive to the feelings of others and by accepting each member of the family with love and respect. We become fruit-bearing in the community by caring for the poor, the sick, the little ones, the old, and the lonely.

3) We need to make the best use of the "second chance" God gives us. Our merciful Father always gives us a second chance. The prodigal son, returning to the father, was welcomed as a son, not treated as a slave. The repentant Peter was made the head of the Church. The persecutor Paul was made the apostle to the Gentiles. During Lent, we, too, are given another chance to repent, and return to our Heavenly Father's love. We are also expected to give others a second chance when they ask our forgiveness. God would like to use each one of us as the "gardener" in the parable to help Him cultivate our families and communities, and enrich them with grace. Let us thank God for using others to help us bear fruit. Grace is everywhere. Let us always cooperate with grace, especially during Lent.

March—The Month of St. Joseph

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

Ben Guyger ♦ Mike Mulvihill ♦ Andrea Vandehey
Steve Forrester ♦ Peggy Jones ♦ Mary Nehls
Linda Arian ♦ Deacon Caleb Cunningham
Sandi Shriver ♦ David Leonard ♦ Margret Halsey
Josh Gerke ♦ Jerry Pimentel

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Executive Meeting

Members of the Executive Committee will have a meeting on **Wednesday, March 23rd, at 5 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall. Fr. Joseph would like all members to attend.

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The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 25th, is the Annunciation of the Lord (from the Latin *annuntiatio*)—the Christian celebration of the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son through a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Son of God, marking the Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "YHWH is salvation."

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Bingo

Just a reminder that Bingo is **every Friday starting at 1:30 p.m.** Please note that we now have popcorn (**free**) with many gourmet toppings. What a wonderful way to get in on a great snack, play some Bingo, and say "hi" to your friends and neighbors. Remember: this supports our Parish!

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Inspiring Quote

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry." *St. Francis de Sales*

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Diocesan Summer Camps

The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis (Evan-Cat) is pleased to announce that the Diocesan Summer Camps are on schedule for summer 2022! There is additional information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Stations of the Cross

Reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday Night at 6 p.m.** Afterward, please plan to stay for a Soup Dinner provided by one of our awesome Ministries.

March 18th: **Acolytes**

March 25th: **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

April 1st: **Spanish Ministry**

April 8th: **Knights of Columbus**

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Penance Schedule

Lenten Penance service will be held on **Tuesday, March 29th, at 6 p.m.**

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What Is Penance?

Catholic Penance is the way we reconcile our lives back to God's ways—it's God's way of clearing the way for Catholics to come home to Heaven. What does the Bible say about penitence? Penitence is the state of being sorrowful over one's flaws or actions—to feel repentant of one's sins. It is to be "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3)—to have deep remorse that motivates a change in behavior and to do everything possible to make amends.

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What Can You Do This Lenten Season?

1. Start walking. Spend 20 minutes in silence with God each morning (and get some exercise while you're at it).
2. If you don't have a cross in your apartment or house, buy a simple one, have it blessed by the priest, and put it in your bedroom.

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Easter Flower Offering

Please note that you can hand in your Easter Flower Offering any time this month during the normal collection at Mass. If you do not receive envelopes, please use one of the blank envelopes in the narthex and be sure to include your name on the envelope.

Thank you so much for contributing to the Easter Flowers for the Altar!